


## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the subject headings suggested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and a brief description of the drawings has been added. In addition, original claims 1-27 have been rewritten in U.S. format as new claims 28-54. The amendments to the specification and claims are fully supported by the priority application, DE 100 54 114.3-43, filed October 31, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment prior to examining the application on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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